

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 80

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A RESOLUTION to commend Glenda Booker for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a University of Tennessee Agriculture Extension Agent.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Booker is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as a University of Tennessee Agriculture Extension Agent, primarily in 4-H Home Economics, Glenda Booker has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Booker's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work, common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, for one and a-half years she served as the Agriculture Extension Home Agent in Houston County, and for over thirty years has been the University of Tennessee Agriculture Extension 4-H Home Economics Agent in Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Booker has meticulously planned, executed, and evaluated the 4-H program for Wilson County, graciously substituted in other programs to fill vacancies, and assisted with the planning of monthly 4-H presentations to classroom audiences; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Booker appeared on "Coleman and Company" at WCOR, coordinated annual articles for National 4-H Week in local papers, recruited leaders to train judging teams, taught special interest sessions to junior high and high school home economics, science, math, and health classes, conducted or trained leaders to conduct clothing construction workshops, provided the silver tray for State Level II Bread Winner, coordinated contents of 4-H Yearbooks, organized and conducted 4-H fundraisers for Interstate Exchange Trips, co-chaired the 4-H Chicken Shack at the Wilson County Fair, raised funds for General 4-H, and supervised approximately fifty girls annually at Junior Camp; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Booker served as District All-Star Advisor for twenty-five plus years, and worked with other advisors and officers to conduct and sponsor the State Winners Recognition Banquet and Congress Readiness Day; she also added the selection of conference assistants to the District Junior High Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, she has served as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Wilson County Fair Youth Board since 1980, and during her tenure the organization has increased from twenty-five members to sixty members; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Booker conducted two 4-H PLUS and one TAXI country-wide 4-H volunteer leader training courses, researched and wrote Extension Wilson County 4-H History, and was the Coordinator for the county's host families for LABO Coalition Programs, Adult Protective Services Advisory Committee, "Out of Wedlock Pregnancy Prevention" Committee, and TNCEP; she was also the speaker for Civic Clubs on 4-H and Youth Development subjects, and is currently the Extension Advisor for two 4-H Lifelinks Teams; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Booker participated in service training for Character Counts!, attended two regional conferences, and is a character development seminar graduate; she has also served on the county task force for Character Counts!; and

WHEREAS, she is a 1963 graduate of Dickson High School, earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1967, and has completed courses toward a graduate degree through Extension Winter Short Courses; and

WHEREAS, always striving to expand her abilities, Ms. Booker has completed a computer class through Adult Continuing Education, and attended seminars, inservice training and workshops in home economics, youth development, environmental education, and community development; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Booker has been involved in numerous professional organizations involving the Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers; she has served with distinction on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, as the state Vice President, State President, Editor of the State Newsletter, Chairman of the Professional Improvement Committee, Regional Contact for Professional Improvement Committee, National Chairman for the Professional Improvement Committee, Co-chair of the Bid committee for National Conference Invitation, and has twice been Chairman of the Policy and Resolutions Committee; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of Epsilon Sigma Phi, Ms. Booker has served as district Vice-President and was a representative at the national meeting; she is also the duly honored recipient of the Epsilon Sigma Phi District Mid-Career Award; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Booker is an outstanding member of the Tennessee 4-H Alumni, Inc., and has diligently served on its Constitution Committee and on its first Executive Board as the District Representative; she is currently the Central District Representative for Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she has been appropriately recognized by the Gamma Sigma Delta and Phi Delta Kappa for her remarkable contributions in education and Agriculture Extension Education;

WHEREAS, the Wilson County 4-H leaders and parents held a reception in her honor for her exemplary service to the citizens of Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Booker has devoted many hours to the 4-H Congress' Know your Government; her soft and gentle touch has guided the program to its success; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Booker is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, she is a former Sunday school teacher for high school and college-age students at Lebanon First Baptist Church, and an exemplary member of numerous organizations, including the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Education Edge's Community Partnership and Curriculum Committee, the family Resource Center Advisory Council, and a participant in Relay for Life; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Booker is a distinguished graduate of Leadership Wilson, serving on its Board of Directors and the Program Committee; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of Lebanon Business and Professional Women, which she has faithfully served as their secretary, co-chair of the Women's Conference, and as a member of the Women's Conference Committee; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Booker is a former member of the Lebanon Junior Woman's Club and served astutely as its treasurer, co-chair of the Cookbook Committee, and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Booker is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Glenda Booker for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as an Agriculture Extension Agent and salute her unswerving commitment to her community and for living her life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.